

Remarks

This application is a National Stage Application of International Application Number PCT/JP2004/002920. By this amendment, the applicants have made amendments throughout the specification and to the claims. The specification has been amended throughout to correct “forced to express” and “forcibly express” to “expressing” and “express” respectively.

“Membrane” has been deleted at page 3, line 11, in order to correct an obvious oversight in the Japanese specification. At page 3, line 18, “(MW: 115.8 kDa)” was amended for clarification. Support for this amendment can be found at page 19, line 5. At page 6, line 15, amendment was made to correct an obvious oversight in the Japanese specification by changing “lymphocytes” to “B-cells”. This amendment corrects an oversight in the Japanese specification and should be obvious to those skilled in the art since antigen-presenting cells generally refer to three types of cells: Macrophages, dendritic cells and B cells.

At page 7, line 4 “FITC-labeled” has been amended as “FITC (fluorescein isothiocyanate)-labeled” for further clarification. No new matter has been added by this amendment. At page 15, line 2, the specification was amended to correct a typographical error and should be apparent when read in context.

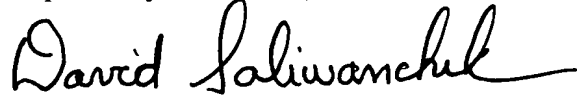
The applicants have further amended the application by including a “Cross-Reference to a Related Application Section.”

Claims 1-21 were pending in the subject international patent application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 14-18, 20 and 21 have been amended and claims 8 and 9 have been deleted. Accordingly, claims 1-7 and 10-21 are before the examiner for consideration. No new matter has been added by these Amendments.

Please note that a complete translation of the subject application is also attached with this Preliminary Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16, 1.17, or 1.492 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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